

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-8, 11-21, 23-30, 34-41, 43-44, 46, 51-55, 57, and 59 remain in this application. Claims 8, 14-19, 21, 23-30, 34-35, 37-41, 53-55, and 59 remain original. Claims 7, 11-13, 20, 36, 43-44, 46, 51-52, and 57 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 9-10, 22, 31-33, 42, 45, 47-50, 56, and 58 have been canceled.

**Claims 1-6 and 31-33** have been canceled.

**Claim 7** has been amended to incorporate the substance of claim 9. In both this Office Action and the previous Office Action, Examiner has indicated that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, applicants submit that the currently amended claim 7 is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

**Dependent Claims 8, 11-13, and 34-39** incorporate all the subject matter of claim 7 and add additional subject matter, which makes them a fortiori and independently patentable. Therefore, applicants submit that these dependent claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

**Claims 9 and 10** have been canceled.

**Claim 20** has been amended to incorporate the substance of claim 42. In this Office Action, Examiner has indicated that claim 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, applicants submit that the currently amended claim 20 is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

**Dependent Claims 21, 23-25, 43-44, 46, 51-55, 57, and 59** incorporate all the subject matter of claim 20 and add additional subject matter, which makes them a fortiori and

independently patentable. Therefore, applicants submit that these dependent claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

**Claim 22, 42, 45, 47-50, 56, and 58** have been canceled.

**Claims 14-19, 26-30, and 40-41** have been indicated for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

### **Conclusion**

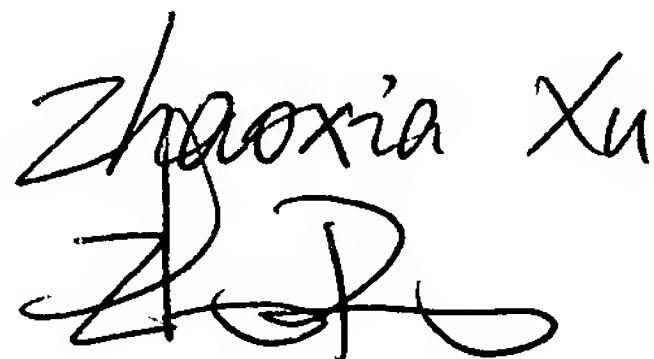
For all the above reasons, applicants submit that the claims are now in proper form and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action applicants respectfully solicit.

### **Conditionally Request For Constructive Assistance**

Applicants have amended some of the claims of the application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structures, which are also unobvious. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the examiner pursuant to M. P. E. P. § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible.

Very respectfully submitted,

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